



Application No. 06/618,423
Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): J. TAKEDA et al
Serial No. : 10/618,423
Filed : July 11, 2003
For : CONNECTOR
Art Unit : 2833
Examiner : Truc T. Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
February 23, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
May 23, 2004 (Sunday), which is automatically extended to
Monday, May 24, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
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amended.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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